

Sponsor(s): City Manager

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2022-009**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
STATING SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TRAVEL, TOURISM, AND
OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDS TO DEVELOP A
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND MARINE TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Marine Trail would provide a designated water route

WHEREAS, the EDA's American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant program would provide funds to construct two additional public use cabins on State Marine Park land, publish a Prince William Sound Marine trail guide, support development of web site pages on trail manager web sites, and support partner nonprofits in expanding trail management capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Marine Trail intends to increase the regional outdoor recreation opportunities available to the growing market of independent travelers, who on average spend over \$1000 more per person per trip than cruise travelers (2016 Alaska Visitor Statistic Program); and

WHEREAS, the development of the Prince William Sound Marine Trail will support this increasing independent traveler growth, increase demand for outdoor recreation guides and outfitters in the region, allow existing businesses to expand their services and capacity, and support the region's lodging accommodations industry; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Economic Development District is dedicated to the development of outdoor recreation opportunities enhancing both the regional economy and quality of life for regional residence; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Economic Development District has the staff and expertise to secure funds from the EDA's American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant program to administer and implement this type of project; and

WHEREAS, no City funds are requested for this project and the Prince William Sound Economic Development District will coordinate any matching funds required by the EDA's American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Whittier City Council hereby resolves that: the Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska supports an application for trail restoration funding by the Prince William Sound Economic Development District to the EDA's American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant program for funds to develop the Prince William Sound Marine Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 15th day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA


Dave Dickason, Mayor


AYES: Wagner, Blair, McCord, Shen, Dickason

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Denmark, Pinquoch

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk